

### **REMARKS**

Entry of the foregoing and reconsideration of the subject application are respectfully requested in light of the amendments above and the comments which follow.

Claims 1-65 were pending<sup>1</sup>. By the present response, claims 12 and 43 have been amended and claims 1-11, 24 and 54 canceled. Thus, upon entry of the present response, claims 12-23, 25-53 and 55-65 remain pending and await further consideration on the merits.

Support for the foregoing amendments can be found, for example, in at least the following locations in the original disclosure: the original claims.

### ***ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER***

Applicants note with appreciation the indication that claims 34-42 and 57-65 are allowed as indicated on page 9 of the Official Action and that claims 24 and 54 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form as noted on page 10 of the Official Action. By the present response, the features of claim 24 have been added to independent claim 12 and the features of claims 54 has been added to independent claim 43. Thus, all pending claims contain subject matter that has been indicated as allowed and/or allowable.

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<sup>1</sup> The Office Action Summary incorrectly lists only claims 1-33 and 43-56 as pending, but also indicates examination of claims 34-42 and 57-65, so all claims 1-65 are clearly pending in the application.

**CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103**

All of the claim rejections are moot in view of the present paper by which rejected claims 1-11 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and reserving the right to file one or more continuation applications and by which rejected claims 13-23 and 25-33 now depend from allowable amended claim 12 (rewritten to include features of claim 24) and claims 44-53 and 55-56 now depend from allowable amended claim 43 (rewritten to include features of claim 54). Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

**CONCLUSION**

From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner feel that any issues remain, it is requested that the undersigned be contacted so that any such issues may be adequately addressed and prosecution of the instant application expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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